GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Delay in destroying the Criminal Justice System` appearing in `Times of India` dated April 3, 2000; and

(b) if so, the details of official statistics regarding cases relating to Indian Penal Code pending from 1996; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) A statement regarding available figures is enclosed.

(c) Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of criminal cases. These include amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure,increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers,establishment of Special Courts/tribunals, improvement in the standards of legal education, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.

Statement on Official Statistics regarding cases relating to IPC pending from 1996:-

Sl.No.	Year	Total number of cases for trial including pending cases.
1.	1996	52,97,662
2.	1997	54,61,004
3.	1998	56,60,484